OBN NEWS

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The Ontario Bisexual Network (OBN) is a group formed to enable contacts among bisexual people in Ontario, and to help them undertake activities of interest. At present, these activities include: a mailing list, a newsletter, support group meetings, social activities, a political action group, education of others, information sharing, and safe sexuality information. The network's only mandate is to bring people together. — OBN Meeting, August 2, 1990.

ENJOYMENT EQUITY

ONTARIO ONTARIO

DECLARED BY NBP GOVT

TORONTO, June 28, 2012 — The Ontario NBP Government headed by Co-Premiers Jerry Rodriguez and Jo Li Cheung today announced the unconditional repeal of a centuries-old cultural taboo against same-gender relationships and multiple partners.

The newly elected coleaders of the New Bisexual Party of Ontario heralded the changes as the beginning of a period of "loosening up" long needed by what they termed an "historically uptight" Ontario society.

The province's new "ENJOYMENT EQUITY" platform espoused by the NBP will now take effect both in principle and in law, as all Provincial laws are up for revision under the new ruling and will come under close scrutiny by the courts in due course.

"ENJOYMENT EQUITY" allows all citizens the right to relate to and enjoy any other human being he or she may choose, in any manner whatsoever, (as long as agreement and enjoyment are mutual and not distorted by power relationships), without harassment, prejudice or discrimination of any kind.

For the province's estimated 6,000,000 gay, lesbian and bisexual people, the new ruling means the absolute end of both "closeting" (for lesbians and gays) and "double closeting" (for bisexual men and women).

Spokespersons for the NBP declared a party to celebrate "a new era of open experimentation with single or multiple relationships of any gender combination". About a third of Toronto's population is expected to join the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities in the city's annual Pride Day celebrations this weekend.

In a surprise response to today's announcements, a spokeswoman for Ontario's estimated 4,000,000 heterosexual people stated that the "straight community welcomes the end of the narrow "*straight*-jackets" of the past. Let's do away with all these labels and start having real fun together!"

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New Group Called *"DIVERSITY"* Formed at 519 Church

Out of the Ontario Bisexual Network has sprung a new and independent group called ***"Diversity"***.

"Diversity" meets on the third Thursday of the month from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the 519 Community Centre on Church St. north of Wellesley St. in Toronto. It offers a drop-in and discussion meeting, but for "difference-positive" people of *all* orientations (and of any other characteristic, for that matter).

Through *"Diversity"*, we have begun to achieve some of the longer-term goals OBN attendees have envisioned for our society — actually relating to people who are different from each other, *without prejudice and by welcoming the differences.*

"Diversity" may be a good way to begin to build bridges between people that are needed if our society is ever to become truly functional and to place full value on everyone in it.

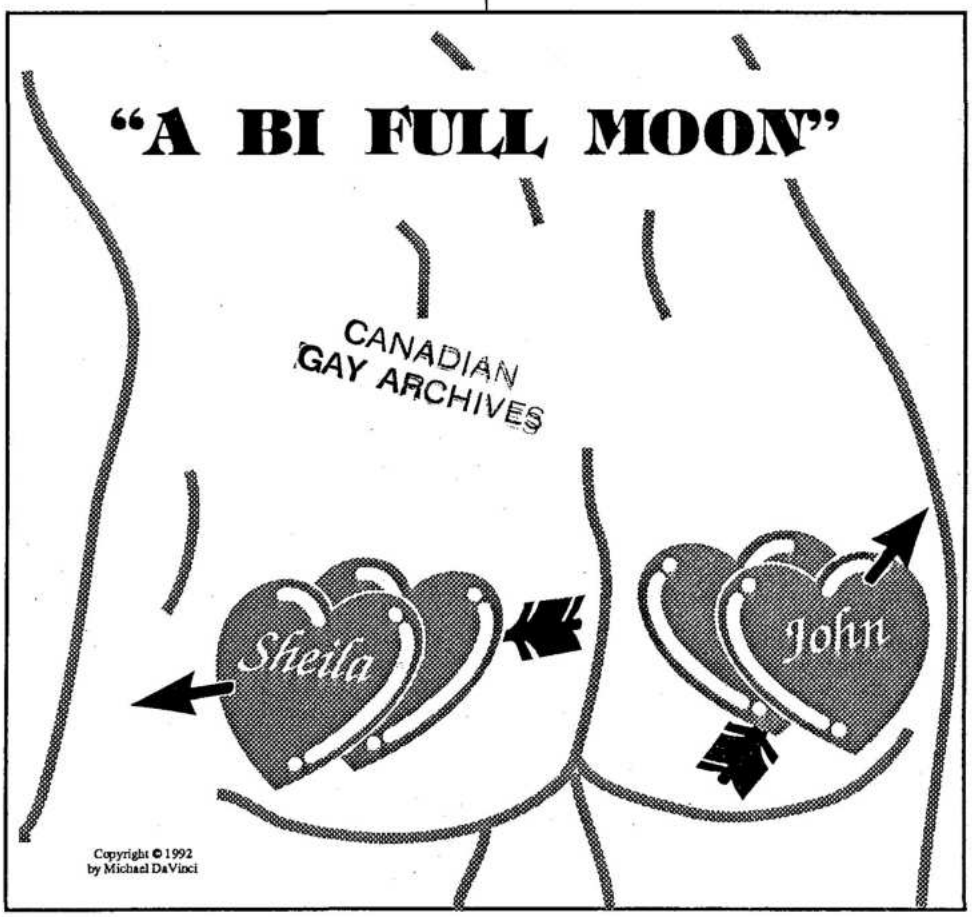
Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there. Call 925-XTRA, ext. 2049.

VIGIL ON THE BRIDGE

(by a tongue-in-cheek guest author filling in for Leo)

Why can't bisexuals be satisfied with loving one gender?
Why do they need to be attracted to both?
Do they enjoy doing that?
Where do they get off having the freedom to do what they want?
Shouldn't they learn to stifle their feelings like everyone else?
Why do they resist so much picking one side of the fence or the other?
We all have to give up most of our desires anyway don't we?
Isn't it true that too much fun isn't good for you?
What is sex all about really?

Feel free to forward your answer(s) to any questions appearing in VIGIL ON THE BRIDGE to the OBN News, c/o Léo Beaulieu.



BI PERSONALS

BI MALE is looking for other gay or bi males of any age interested in occasional recreational sex with lots of tantric touching and relaxed sensual exploration. Write Michael, c/o OBN, 519 Church St., Toronto M4Y 6C9.

(Bi Personal Ads are free to readers of OBN News . Write or fax OBN News anytime to place an ad.)

Singing Group

The singing group is on hold for the summer. When we start up again in the fall we will need alternative meeting places. Our many thanks go to the singer who hosted the group since its inception and whose energy helped keep it going. New singers of any persuasion are welcome — no experience required. Bring your favourite tunes. Keep in touch via the OBN number (925-XTRA, ext. 2015) for further details, or call Bruce at 649-1356 to express interest in attending and to offer meeting space.

Sexuality Theory Group

The sexuality theory group is also on hold for the summer, and also needs several alternative locations when we start up again. Our thanks to the group member who provided a meeting place so far. When the group resumes we look forward to in-depth discussions about all sorts of fascinating topics regarding sexuality. The scope of the group is limited only by your imagination.

Anyone interested in joining us is invited to call Bruce at 649-1356, or to check the OBN number for upcoming meeting times (call 925-XTRA, ext. 2015).

OBN Meeting Times

OBN Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the 519 Community Center (519 Church Street, just north of Wellesley). Newsletters are available at the 519 and at every meeting.

Up to the minute announcements of OBN activities can be heard by calling 925-XTRA, ext. 2015.